



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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March 14, 2014

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

UPDATE: CONTRACT AIR

In our previous memorandum to your Honorable Board dated February 25, 2014 (attached), we stated that the Fire Department would provide an update on the lease of the SuperScoopers by March 14, 2014.

The Department intends to extend the lease to March 29, 2014.

Weather Outlook

We received significant rainfall from February 28 through March 1, 2014, and as a result, the Live Fuel Moisture (LFM) trended positive. However, the high pressure system that briefly broke down and allowed the significant February 28-March 1 storm has re-established itself and is again effectively deflecting any storms away from our area.

According to the Southern California Geographic Coordination Center, above normal large fire potential may return to Southern California by mid to late March. The long range prediction for Southern California includes weather that will be warmer and drier than normal for the next three months.

Extended Wildland Season Cost

The estimated total cost for the SuperScoop lease through March 29, 2014, is \$5.3 million. Of this amount, \$1.9 million is the estimated cost for the SuperScoop lease due to extended wildland season of December 15 through March 29, 2014.

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The Department is continuing to analyze the end-of-year projections of our Operation Bureaus' Services and Supplies budget for the capacity to absorb the \$1.9 million cost of extending the SuperScoopers. As such, there is the possibility that the Department will require a mid-year appropriation adjustment to cover the total extended cost of our Contract Air Program due to the extraordinary weather and fuel conditions that have extended the normal fire season.

The Department will continue to evaluate weather projections and provide an update by March 24, 2014, if the release of the SuperScoopers will be extended for an additional period of time.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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February 25, 2014

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

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In our Board memo dated February 10, 2014 (attached), we stated that the Fire Department would be providing your Honorable Board with an update on the lease of the SuperScoopers by February 27, 2014.

The Department intends to extend the lease to March 15, 2014.

Although the region expects rain at the end of this week, we will assess the rain's impact on current critical fuel moistures during the week of March 3, 2014. The Department will continue to evaluate the weather projections and provide another update by March 14, 2014, to advise your Honorable Board if the release of the SuperScoopers will be extended for an additional period of time.

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